MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 1097 ... Rs. 371
1098 ... Rs. 244.

(*b*) Statements * furnishing the information required by the member are laid on the table.

(*c*) These are not ordinarily issued to hospitals and dispensaries open to the public.

Salt License Agreement between Government and the Cape Comorin Traffic Company.

76. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*):

(*a*) Was the salt license agreement between the Government and the Cape Comorin Traffic Company revised in 1096 or 1097?

(*b*) Was the *kudivila* rate increased thereby? If so, what is the increase and what are the reasons for the same?

(*c*) Have similar privileges been extended to any other salt licensees, and if so, to whom?

(*d*) Has the above company agreed to construct a bund? If not, what steps have been taken to enforce the terms of the agreement?

(*e*) Has the failure of the company in not executing this work contributed in any way to the recent destruction of salt in the adjoining *alloms* in the cyclone of Vrischikam, 1098?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The agreement with the company was not revised in 1096 or 1097. But in 1095, the company was given the privilege of selling, on payment of the duty and cess due to Government, the excess salt in their factory over and above the 50,000 maunds due to Government annually, on condition that they completed within three years certain works which were necessary for the development of their factory. After the three years the quantity of salt to be delivered was fixed at 75,000 maunds a year instead of 50,000 maunds. The three years' time granted to the company expired by the end of 1098. But the company applied for a further extension of time as the floods of Vrischikam 1098 had caused great damage to the works already executed in the factory. On the recommendation of the Excise Commissioner, the company has been given a further extension of one year's time till the end of 1099 to complete the above works.

(*b*) The *kudivila* rate has not been increased.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) The company has agreed to construct a bund on the western side of its factory.

(*e*) The answer is in the negative.

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* *Vide* Appendix I A and B—page 340.

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